

REMARKS

Claims 1-9 are pending. Dependent claims 10-21 are added herein. Applicants note that claims fees were paid with the original filing to cover 25 total claims, with 3 independent claims (see copy of Utility Patent Application Transmittal, submitted herewith for convenience). As such, dependent claims 10-21 specified herein have been paid for. Nonetheless, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional claims fees necessary to Deposit Account No. 16-0085, Reference 8039/1090.

Claims 2-9 are amended to replace the word “A” with the word “The” at the beginning of each dependent claim. The amendment adds no new matter.

Restriction Requirement:

The Office Action issued a requirement for an Election of Species, stating that Applicants must “elect a single disclosed species of fusion polypeptide (e.g., from one of the examples defining the ‘heterologous polypeptide’ and the ‘coat protein’).”

In response, Applicants hereby **ELECT**, with traverse, “gene 3 of filamentous bacteriophage” as the coat protein species, and “antibody polypeptide” as the heterologous polypeptide species. It is understood that the species election is made for search purposes only, and that if the claims as searched with regard to these species are free of the art, searching will continue on the basis of the broader claim terms and that allowed claims would not necessarily be limited to the elected species.

Claims 10-21:

Applicants submit herewith claims 10-21, each of which ultimately depends from independent claim 1. These dependent claims are fully supported in the specification as filed, and therefore add no new matter.

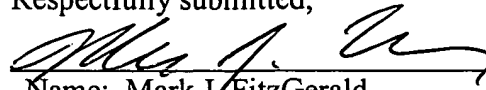
Further, Applicants submit that each of claims 10-21 falls squarely under the group of methods defined by independent claim 1. That is, it is believed that none of dependent methods claims 10-21 define patentably distinct inventions falling within a different restriction Group.

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Entry and consideration of claims 10-21 is respectfully requested.

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